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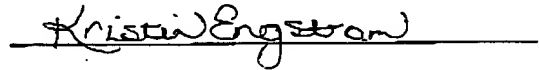
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Date: June 12, 2003RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Request mailed May 15, 2003, a summary of the interview on telephonic interview held on 5/14/2003 follows. Applicant's counsel, Kimberly A. Chasteen held telephonic interviews with Meredith C. Petravick and Tom Will. No exhibit was shown or demonstration conducted. The prior art discussed were patents issued to Lane and Skovhoj with respect to claim 1. The proposed amendments are of record in the response filed on May 14, 2003. Principal arguments presented in the interviews are (1) that Lane does not show or suggest lateral movement in the horizontal direction of the trimming attachment described therein and (2) that Skovhoj does not describe or suggest the use of a frame member which is removably connectable or a means for automatically adjusting the vertical height of the motorized trimming

means. Further detail is of record in the response filed on May 14, 2003. The final outcome of the interviews was that the Applicant was advised to submit the response along with a Notice of Appeal to allow for further review of the Applicant's arguments in the hopes that agreement can be reached concerning the claim language.

Respectfully submitted,



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